

## **Laurie Ceesay Bio**

Laurie Ceesay is an art quilter, educator, hairdresser and quilt pattern designer. She has a Bachelor's Degree from UW-Stout, Menomonie, WI in Clothing, Textiles and Design. Her specialty is portrait quilts of fashion forward women motifs. She loves the color wheel and color theory and is also inspired by adult coloring books and their similarity to her line drawing style quilts. Laurie's award winning quilts have been displayed at regional and national juried and invitational quilts shows, in national quilt magazines, quilt marketing materials, a variety of quilt books and she was featured on Quilting Arts TV on PBS and Treasured Quilts of Wisconsin on PBS.

## **Laurie Ceesay Artist Statement**

Laurie's textile work is inspired by the hair and fashion industry, pop culture, world cultures, social issues and retro styles from the 1930s-1970s. She incorporates her garment making skills in her quilts as well as her love of historical and contemporary hairstyles and makeup applications. She loves to embellish her quilts to further add the fun "bling" of jewelry or a highlighted piece of hair or eyeliner! She loves bright colors and mixing fabric prints in her work. She is in love with the color wheel and color schemes and this is influential in her color selections in her quilts. She has designed several portrait quilt patterns based on her fashionista style!